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In re Application of:

Naomi NODA et al.

Serial No.: 09/735,930

Group Art Unit: 1754

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Examiner: Cam N. Nguyen

For: CATALYST BODY

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Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report bearing a mailing date of February 28, 2003, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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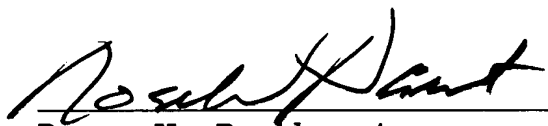
materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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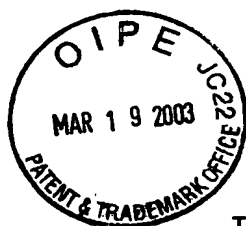
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